

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY**  
**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**Present:** Chair Hoyer, Supervisor Schadewald, Supervisor Brusky, Supervisor Linssen, Supervisor De Wane  
**Also Present:** Supervisor Zima, Judge Zuidmulder, Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, Human Services Finance Manager Eric Johnson, Nursing Home Administrator Luke Schubert, Interim Health Director Deborah Armbruster, Director of Community Programs Nancy Fennema, other interested parties and news media

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***\*Audio of this meeting is available by contacting the County Board Office at (920) 448-4015\****

**I. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hoyer at 5:30 p.m.

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to take Item 4 before Comments from the Public and Items 11 through 16 after Item 3a. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approve/Modify Minutes of June 29, 2016.**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Although shown in proper format here, Item 4 was taken at this time.*

**Comments from the Public**

Chair Hoyer said some things happened at the last meeting with discussions and other things that were not really in the prevue of how meetings should go. He wants to make it very clear that comments from the public will be open to any and all comments. This will not be limited to items that will be on the agenda later because the fact of the matter is that when that agenda item comes up later on, the Committee may or may not choose to open up the floor and that is the will of the Committee. If there is anything the public wants to talk about, the time to do it is under comments from the public.

Secondly, when the public makes their comments, it is simply a time for them to make a statement. If the Committee does choose to open the floor, they will ask the commenter if they are willing to take questions and Hoyer noted that the commenter is not obligated to take questions. He continued that during the comments from the public section, the Committee is just there to listen. This is a Committee of elected individuals and their names and necks are on the line for the decisions made. The Committee wants to make good decisions and they appreciate public participation. If the floor is opened for questions, it will happen once and only once. In the end, the Committee has the final word and makes the vote on whatever items or motions they choose. Back and forth questions will not be allowed as this is a Committee meeting and not a Lincoln Douglas debate.

**William Acker – Acker and Associates, 3217 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI**

Acker wished to address Chair Hoyer's comments regarding Professor Salt made at the last Human Services meeting. Acker e-mailed Hoyer's presentation to Professor Salt so he could see what was said. After seeing Hoyer's use of the e-mail sent to him, Professor Salt advised Acker that he never gave Hoyer permission to share the e-mail with others. The e-mail statement that Professor Salt made that Hoyer shared was as follows: "At the moment I am no longer active in the low frequency sound/infrasound/wind turbine field and do not get involved in the topic as an expert. Our work certainly supports the fact the ear is more sensitive to infrasound than most would believe, but unfortunately it is not possible to connect this directly with the health effects on humans or animals. I certainly have an opinion, but the

science supporting the connection is lacking right now. For this and numerous other reasons, I am keeping out of it for now."

Acker and Professor Salt have had numerous conversations over the last 8 years and Acker knows that what Professor Salt was saying in the e-mail is that at the current time he does not have the slam dunk proof that wind turbine syndrome is caused by amplitude, modulated noise . . .

At this time Hoyer interrupted and said that with all due respect, he did not believe Acker had permission to speak for Professor Salt.

Acker continued that he is giving his opinion based on work he has done with Professor Salt. He is trying to explain what Professor Salt was trying to say. He will also be submitting an e-mail from Professor Salt of his response to his feeling of Hoyer reading the earlier e-mail. Hoyer said that he will appreciate that.

Acker continued that Professor Salt was trying to say that at the current time he does not have slam dunk proof that the wind turbine syndrome is caused by amplitude modulated noise from the industrial wind turbines, but based on his many years of research he believes that the outer cells of the human ear produce a response when subjected to certain infrasound stimulus and tested the theory in vitro outer ear cells of guinea pigs. His work focuses on amplitude modulated infrasound. Professor Salt nominates 60 dbg as the trigger value for this syndrome. The amplitude modulation of infrasound is unique to industrial wind turbines, cooling towers and automobiles. Infrasound produced by the body is not amplitude modulated infrasound.

Acker continued by reading the response he received from Professor Salt after he found out that Hoyer read his e-mail. He noted that Professor Salt has given him permission to distribute the e-mail; a copy of the e-mail is attached hereto for reference.

Acker continued that what he is about to say may shake up some people, but he feels he must say it. Supervisor De Wane interrupted and said that personal attacks were not appropriate. Acker continued that there is a preponderance of evidence of Professor Salt's strong position. He had a number of Professor Salt's documents with him and said that if Hoyer had read any of them, he would know what Salt's position is as his website is loaded with this and it is all over the internet. Professor Salt is the most read person on this whole issue and has given more speeches than anyone Acker knows. He has also done more research than anyone and is considered an expert in the field. Acker continued that for Hoyer to state that Professor Salt is saying there is not sufficient proof is not the case. Professor Salt is saying that he does not have the slam dunk medical proof that he would like to have. Acker has presented this same information to this Committee once before and said that in order for Professor Salt to get slam dunk proof a three year study will be needed but the grant process does not allow enough money to do that expensive of a study and that is why he cannot go any further. The documents submitted will be on record in the County Board office for viewing.

Acker continued that there is a simple way to see the relationship between amplitude modulated infrasound from industrial wind turbines and wind turbine syndrome. The question is do industrial wind turbines produce noise in amplitude modulated infrasound. Acker said the answer is yes and it has been proven through the Shirley Wind study. Acker continued that turbines also cause sleep deprivation and noted that there are many cases of sleep deprivation in animals as well as people. In addition, they are currently working with a new person who has had a sleep study and has drastic sleep deprivation. Acker said sleep deprivation can cause a number of issues for the body and lead to chronic health problems that negatively impact a person's quality of life. He said this is a complete plausible chain of causation. Acker was disappointed that he could not express any opinion about the pillar of professional leadership with respect to Hoyer. Supervisor Schadewald said that doing so would open Acker up to slander and libel and, furthermore, the Committee is here to receive information. He said an e-mail presented from a doctor that says there is no link is not exactly good information. Acker said that if anyone wished to receive more information from Professor Salt, he would be able to provide it.

**Motion made by Supervisor Linssen to limit comments from the public to five minutes per individual. No second, no vote taken.**

**Jim Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI**

Vanden Boogart wanted to clarify for the record that the document Mr. Crawford has been speaking about at this meeting and the Board of Health states that it was prepared for the American Wind Energy Association and the Canadian Wind Energy Association. He also referred to it as a medical study, but it is not a medical study. It states on the first page that it is a literature review. Vanden Boogart continued that the date of the document is 2009 but he wished to point out that a great deal of understanding has been acquired on this issue since then and none of that information is taken into account in that document. In addition, the size of wind turbines has increased dramatically since that time so some of the findings at that point are not as relevant to the situation.

**Barbara Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI**

Vanden Boogart commented that at the beginning of this meeting Hoyer laid out the ground rules for input from the public which is appreciated, however, the public does not know which direction the Committee's discussion is going to take in the course of the meeting and the public may have some very important information for the Committee as a subject is discussed. She asked the Committee to take this into account and on a regular basis be willing to take input at that point on that subject. The public has no way of knowing automatically if there is something the Committee needs to know without having heard some of the discussion.

Schadewald stated his experience over the last 20 years as a Supervisor is that the Committee has been pretty open to opening the floor when the public gives an indication that they have something to say. The reason the Committee would open the floor is to hear new information that the Committee has not heard before as long as it is specific to the item. It would not be for the public to rehash the same thing over and over.

Supervisor Zima understands the Committee's desire to hear from the public but noted that sometimes meetings go on a long time and if people have to leave they may not get a chance to say what they want. Zima felt it would be good public policy to always open the floor anytime anybody wants to weigh in on a subject matter. Hoyer appreciated Zima's comments and was confident that the Committee will work together on this and find their path.

**Mary Kelly -1430 Skylark Lane, Green Bay, WI**

Kelly said that tonight's meeting is wonderful because the room is quiet and the microphones are in use. She said that sometimes when people sit in the back of the room they cannot hear what is being said as the speaker is addressing the Committee and not the crowd. She asked the Committee to be cognizant of the need for those in attendance to be able to hear what is going on in the meetings because they come to the meeting out of interest.

**Report from Human Services Chair, Erik Hoyer**

Hoyer informed he was interested in having the Health Department host the September Human Services meeting so the Committee could tour the facility and get an idea of what is being done there. Hoyer also said that although ASPIRO typically hosts the budget meeting, he was thinking that it may be nice to hold the budget meeting at the Library in the newly renovated facility. He will keep the Committee advised on these meetings.

**1. Review Minutes of:**

**a. Board of Health (May 10, 2016).**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to receive and place on file. Vote taken.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Human Services Board (July 14, 2016).**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**c. Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (June 21, 2016).**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to receive and place on file. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Reports**

**2. Teen Parent Program Quarterly Outcome Report, Catholic Charities – Informational.**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Department Vacancies Report as of June 27, 2016.**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3a. Proclamation Declaring August 20 as Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Veterans Day in Brown County – Request for Approval.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Treatment Court**

**4. Update on Treatment Court by Judge Zuidmulder.**

Judge Zuidmulder thanked the Committee for allowing him to provide an update on the treatment courts. His custom and practice is to keep the County Board updated on the treatment courts since the treatment courts are run with County dollars and approved by the County Board. Judge Zuidmulder provided an overall picture and history of the treatment courts and noted that he and then County Executive Tom Hinz first discussed treatment courts in 2008 and then made a presentation to the County Board. The first drug court was established in July, 2009. The population at that point was aimed at people who had been through the traditional criminal justice system and through probation as well as in jail or prison but their behaviors did not change. Judge Zuidmulder said they then looked at what is going on nationally and found that in the total population of people who commit offenses, some of them need to be in prison, but there are also a number of people who either have alcohol or drug abuse problems or dual diagnoses and this is the population they are trying to direct treatment court attention to. If these people can be given treatment to break the cycle and get back into the community, it is a win-win for everyone. Judge Zuidmulder continued that nationally the recidivism rate is 60 – 80% but the national recidivism rate for treatment courts is only 20 – 30%.

After the drug court was established, the veteran's treatment court was established by Judge Kelly in 2010. This Court deals with veterans, many of who suffer from PTSD from serving in the military. This provides a tremendous change of attitude towards veterans who offend. The mental health court was then established followed by establishment of a heroin court. Judge Zuidmulder noted there has been a tremendous problem with prescription opiates that lead into heroin addictions. He has had a number of Len Bias cases and this has convinced him that a heroin court was necessary. First offense possession of heroin is a felony, and instead of tagging those people with a felony and sending them to prison, they are put into the heroin court. Judge Zuidmulder shared that the mental health court, over which he presides, has been a very wonderful and rewarding experience. The population in the other courts is typically people who have been involved in the criminal justice system and tend to be manipulative liars. Mental illness is not much different than any other condition such as a broken arm or cataracts in that the person does not really have any control over. The great thing is that a lot of mental health conditions can be treated with counseling and medication but when this population stops taking their meds they get into trouble. What is so rewarding to Judge Zuidmulder is that the mental health participants are so appreciative of the opportunity to take part in the court and be provided with the opportunities to have their lives changed. He continued that there are a number of social services in the community to keep this population well connected. In addition, law enforcement is very happy with the results of the mental health court as a substantial part of their patrol time was devoted to some of the people in the mental health court on nuisance calls, problems with neighbors, etc.

Judge Zuidmulder provided statistics on the treatment courts, a copy of which is attached. He also provided information on the TAD (treatment, alternatives and diversion) grant, which is also attached. The TAD grant is from

the state and is given to counties for diversion programs to keep people out of the criminal justice system who do not need to be there. Money from the grant is also used to start treatment courts in counties that do not have them.

Currently there are almost 70 people enrolled in the treatment courts, and there is capacity to go a little more than that. They continue to take people in. The treatment courts also provide an alternative to placing people in jail which is helping the overcrowding issues at the jail.

Schadewald asked if Judge Zuidmulder anticipated asking for any additional funds at budget time to expand the treatment courts. Judge Zuidmulder responded that there are currently two case workers handling the treatment courts. He said that perhaps they would ask for an additional case worker and noted that some cases do not require a great amount of time but others do. He also noted that the TAD grant application has a request to add a case worker.

Zima asked if the treatment courts are at capacity for the manpower they have. Judge Zuidmulder responded that they are close to that. His theory is that you keep giving people work until they scream that they cannot do any more and he felt that they were getting close to that point. Zima asked if there were people in the community that could fit into the programs if there was more help available and referenced the jail overcrowding issues. He felt the treatment court costs are minuscule compared to the cost of building additional pods at the jail. Zima said the treatment courts have good benefits and he felt that we should work to accelerate the programs sooner rather than later to fight the numbers of those going into the jail system. He was shocked to hear that the jail is as full as it is. He noted that some of the mental health initiatives that have been started should reduce some of the population and feels that this is the time to take a close look at the treatment courts and determine if help should be added. He would rather see help added to the treatment courts than building a new jail pod. Judge Zuidmulder said there are definitely more people that could be served and he is confident in saying that if they had another case worker they could let more people into the treatment court.

De Wane feels Judge Zuidmulder is doing a great job and he would like to attend some of the treatment court sessions. He would like to have this on the County Board agenda for next month because these treatment courts do more for the society than people are aware. There is more to it than just keeping people out of jail. He thinks another case worker now would alleviate a lot of the headaches and suggested that Judge Zuidmulder present something sooner rather than later on this, especially since the budget season is coming up.

Zima wanted the new Committee members to know that Judge Zuidmulder is the person who initiated all of this and he cannot say enough good things about what he has done. Zima said nobody expects Judge Zuidmulder to singlehandedly cure the jail overcrowding, but we have to make a determination as to where the County's money should be spent. Should it be spent in Human Services doing some treatment or should it be spent building new jail beds, which do not solve any problems. Zima feels whatever is possible should be done to expand the treatment courts and he felt that it would only be a small fraction of what is spent on incarceration. He realizes there are people who need to be incarcerated but there are also a lot who do not. The treatment courts take care of a part of the problem, but planning needs to be done to figure out a way to take care of more of the problem. Zima feels if results can be shown, some of the more conservative members of the Board might start opening their eyes a little bit to see that this is working and is not just a way to baby people. He recognizes that some people have problems that need to be dealt with in a different way. Zima said the Judge speaks for himself and he is here to back the Judge up. Results are evident and expansion for that should be explored so that the programs that are working can be expanded to try to reduce the jail population.

Supervisor Brusky thanked Judge Zuidmulder for his presentation and asked if any of the treatment courts have waiting lists. Judge Zuidmulder said everyone who is referred to the treatment courts go through a screening through the DA's office to be sure they are appropriate for treatment courts. Each treatment court then has their own criteria. There are 10 or 11 people at most times in the process of being screened. Judge Zuidmulder also said he had to slow down taking people in because the orientation process is somewhat slow. This is a work in progress but Judge Zuidmulder feels anyone who sees it will agree that it is worthwhile and gives people hope that they can do better and become better citizens.

*No action taken.*

*Supervisor Linssen arrived at 5:32 pm*

**Wind Turbine Update**

**5. Update for Environmental Division on complaint process.**

Hoyer informed that Rob Gollman from the Health Department was not able to attend this meeting as he is at a state meeting for health department employees who work on environmental activities. Gollman is working on this and has contacted several members. Hoyer feels that since he was given two months to work on this it is important to give him the time he needs.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to hold until the next meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Report by Health Director.**

**i. Cost of peer review.**

Hoyer recalled that this was referred to administration at the last meeting, but nothing has come forward from administration. Zima feels the Committee feels it was important to have the cost of a peer review as there were some doubts on this issue. He wants to know how thoroughly the administration vetted this. Zima said that more and more things do not get done and then problems arise that cause hours of discussion at County Board meetings. He wants to be proactive on this and feels the review would be a very key thing. He wants this looked at by highly respected professionals to get their opinion. Zima personally feels the administration is afraid of what a peer review would reveal. The search for the truth is a sticky commodity because there are financial interests and all kinds of other considerations. Zima noted the Shirley Wind people do feel there is a problem and they just want things looked at properly and he does not think this was done. He thinks there was political pressure and the administration sometimes operates like a banana republic. Zima does not think a review would be extremely costly and is something that needs to be done. Hoyer feels a determination can be made on this as soon as the numbers are received from administration. Schadewald is not arguing with Zima, but he cannot vote on something without numbers in front of him. Zima understood this and was disappointed that the administration wasn't in attendance to answer to this. He is tired of things dragging on and on.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to hold. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ii. Questions for Attorney General.**

Hoyer informed this process requires Corporation Counsel to write an opinion which then gets forwarded to the Attorney General, to which the Attorney General would respond with their own opinion. Hoyer has been advised by Corporation Counsel that their portion will be done within a month. Zima asked for a review of what the questions are as he does not really know if the Attorney General opinion is necessary. Hoyer recalled the question is whether the Committee and County Board has the authority to overrule the Health Director. The Board has been asked to do that, but it needs to be determined whether that is even a possibility. Zima is not interested in overriding what the Health Director did. What he wants to know is whether the process was done right or not and that is where the peer review would come in. He does not think an Attorney General opinion is necessary and he does not care if we can or cannot override the decision; he just wants to learn the truth. Zima asked that the minutes reflect that he feels this is irrelevant and a waste of time. Schadewald pointed out that the Committee is acting on his communication.

Supervisor Linssen said he would like to move forward with getting an Attorney General opinion to get a clear answer one way or another to see what the authority is. Brusky agreed with this.

**Motion made by Supervisor Linssen, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to hold for one month. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

iii. **Supervisor discussion.**

Hoyer recalled materials were distributed at the last meeting and a motion was made to hold this for a month to give the Committee time to review the information. Schadewald said the information that was obtained at the last meeting is the type of information that should be presented. He said the Committee is at a point where they appreciate the influx of any new information given to the Board of Health and the Human Services Committee would like to receive that information as well. New information is appropriate, but Schadewald did not want to get in to a lot of redundancy. He said many valid points and points of opinion have been presented and although he appreciates the information, he is not sure what fighting former Health Director Chua Xiong's decision will do in the end. He understands that some people want the decision reversed because they believe other counties and people are using the decision. Zima said whether the decision can or cannot be reversed, the question is if this is going to be researched further. Schadewald realizes that Zima is very interested in how money gets spent and he does not want to vote on something without knowing the cost.

De Wane said this is good information to have but we have to wait to see what the cost of a peer review is. He does not want to continue to rehash this at each meeting. We have to wait to find out what we can and cannot do and he appreciates all of the information presented.

Zima said it was indicated earlier that he would like to see the Human Services Committee become a receptacle of all of the information that becomes available and he felt this is what we have to proceed with at this time. He Zima said to the extent the public can bring in their knowledge; he is grateful for the work the public has done on this and noted that some of them have put a great amount of time into this. He is grateful for any work they do and noted that sometimes there are questions that need to be asked and vetted, but he would like to see the Human Services Committee be the receptacle for additional information. Zima continued that the Vanden Boogarts' packet raises a lot of questions and concerns and he is not here to condemn or praise the personalities; he just wants to continue to gather information with the hope that in time somewhere down the line there is a different conclusion.

Hoyer asked what is meant every time someone says we need to do a new study. It means that we are not going to do anything about it and push it off until we get more information. Hoyer said that is what Xiong was saying. He said the point of this is that we are not really doing anything. We are doing feel good things and frankly, the Health Board decision has not made a bit of difference, nor does the Health Director decision. This is frustrating because there is a long-term impact on the citizens and it is problematic and Hoyer feels like we need to do one thing or get off the pot. The reason nothing is being done is because there is not the scientific consensus we are all looking for. He noted there is scientific evidence, and it is clear to some individuals, but if it was that clear we would not be having this conversation. Hoyer continued that a new study is not going to make any difference because we have seen all of the things that have happened in the last six years. There is a lot of evidence in older records; there is all sorts of evidence that this is just a big self-fulfilling prophecy. Hoyer is saying there is no clear direction. It may make us feel better to say we are going to go to the Attorney General or bash Xiong's decision, but the way we are behaving is as if it was what it was. It hasn't changes anything.

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to open the floor to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Jim Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI**

Vanden Boogart agreed with Schadewald's earlier comment that we have to continue gathering information, but to take the whole library of knowledge which was basically what was given to Xiong and say we are not going to rehash it is not okay with him. Schadewald clarified that he did not mean to dismiss the past; he meant that everything does not need to be rehashed at every meeting. Vanden Boogart said the purpose of the red binder he distributed earlier was to show that the reason nothing got done was because the library of information was not taken into consideration. The challenge is to have the Human Services Committee read the red binder and say that the library of information was not taken into consideration and the science was not looked at. Vanden Boogart continued that the goal is to say that if the process was done right something would have gotten done, but it was not done right and we cannot just be okay with that. Someone else has to do it over right.

**William Acker – 3217 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI**

Acker said he will try to be very respectful to what Xiong did. He said that he has his review of her report and there are weaknesses in the report that Xiong did in that she talked about the importance of epidemiology information being used in the analysis, yet there was none in the report. Xiong also used journal impact factor as a method of rating the articles, but this is not a process to be used to compare articles. Acker continued that Xiong also talked about the importance of peer review so she could select the articles that were the best. Acker is in agreement that peer review is extremely important, yet Xiong did not follow that process. Most of the articles she chose were articles that did not go through peer review. From Acker's viewpoint, the process is really bad. He said the purpose of having a peer review is to see what process was followed and if it was a good process that led to Xiong's final decision. He does not think it will be determined that it was a good process and in that event, the process has to be totally redone.

**Steve Deslauriers – 289 Wayside Road, Greenleaf, WI**

Deslauriers said it sounded like Vanden Boogart's request of the Committee was to take action on what they may see as abnormalities of the process that Xiong used to come to her decision. He said he has no objection to getting an Attorney General opinion on this, but the important thing is to have a committee that oversees the Health Department read the preponderance of the evidence provided by Vanden Boogart and look at the decision and come to a conclusion and make a decision on whether Xiong's decision was made in a sound manner. He felt that overturning the decision was at the extreme end and a vote of the Committee, who oversees the Board of Health that they see abnormalities in this study, is at the low end. The reason for this is to show the world that this one person's decision is not the opinion and character of the County and that the overwhelming request is for the Committee to read the report, look at the decision and then make a decision as a Committee that they do not agree with the decision and should overturn it or just simply do not agree with the process. He is asking the Committee to look at the evidence and make a good decision based on what they believe happened in the process. Deslauriers feels an honest person would at a minimum see abnormality and at maximum dereliction of duty. He thanked the Committee for allowing him to speak.

**Barbara Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI**

Vanden Boogart said she knows that people on the Committee care deeply about the people of Shirley and it did her heart good to see people become angry and upset over what they see in the crowd of the suffering they are going through. She would like to see this more often as it may motivate action. Vanden Boogart feels this is what should have happened in the process with Xiong and noted that she started out that way but did not continue. She referenced what Hoyer said that the Board of Health's declaration of a human health hazard had no result and said that he is very wrong. It had a tremendous result worldwide and confirmed what people around the world are experiencing and this was expressed in words of support written to the Board of Health in gratitude for what they did. It also validated the people in Shirley for the suffering they were going through and it brought a spotlight to it in a way it should have been brought, not only at Shirley Wind, but across the world. It was not the coward way or the politician way or the financial way, it was of integrity that dismissed all of the other things and based it on the real suffering and the real science. This was of tremendous consequence and so was the dereliction of duty of Chua Xiong, only destructively. Vanden Boogart understands that it is difficult for the Committee to criticize another person who works for the county, but they want the Committee to say it was not done appropriately, even if the Attorney General's office says no. If Corporation Counsel sends the question on to the Attorney General, Vanden Boogart would ask that Schadewald, as part of the Board of Health, look over the wording of Corporation Counsel to see if it describes what the question is.

Hoyer said he has symbolically relinquished his leadership to the Vice Chair of the Committee. His frustration is for the families for whom he perceives nothing has changed. This decision by Xiong gives them a lack of hope and Hoyer agrees that if Xiong had come to a different decision, things would have been different. The people that are suffering and who he is genuinely concerned about are not getting any relief in terms of how to live with this. No matter what the process was, or whether we do more research, the reality of shutting the turbines down is not even on the horizon. Hoyer continued that he does not see anything being done for the people. That is his perspective and while he can see that policy may give them a hope that someday something might happen, there is a lot of time and a lot of barriers between that in his perspective. There is no way to say something along those lines without seeming insulting. Truthfully, biofeedback may be an option and it is a skill to learn how to learn how to live with the issues. There are skills and tools that are recognized by science that say how to deal with some of the things such as nausea and anxiety.



The change that the people are hoping for is not happening and that is his frustration. Hoyer is concerned that possible routes are projected, but the Committee is only acting like they want the turbine issue to go away.

Zima said he is not interested in having the problems go away. He said they want to build more turbines and it is imperative that we make the best decisions as we do not want more problems to come up. Hoyer said none of that changes anything for the people living outside of their homes and who are afraid to sell their homes. Zima feels everyone in this room knows that the decision made by Xiong was inadequate. Hoyer asked Zima what he felt could be done for the people. Hoyer said that saying that Xiong's decision was bad does not do anything for the people. Vanden Boogart responded that what it would do is tell the rest of the Board of Supervisors that this is an issue that needs to be seriously looked at because Xiong did not look at the evidence that all of the Board of Supervisors needs to look at. It would give the rest of the world the ability to counter the ammunition that some very politically conflicted people are using against them which is Xiong's decision. Vanden Boogart continued that Hoyer's reference to people learning how to control the nausea or anxiety may be helpful to people who experience those symptoms as a result of a psychological condition, however, these symptoms at Shirley Wind are being caused by emission and a physiological problem and usually the feelings of anxiety are the result of being in a building that is being vibrated along with the organs and their bodies are telling them to leave that condition and the anxiety builds when they do not heed the internal warning signal. When they get away from the emission, the anxiety goes away. The anxiety is a physiologically caused one and not an emotional one and therefore biofeedback would not be helpful. Vanden Boogart continued that the individuals will not get better with psychological treatment because the issues are caused as a result of the physiological influence. Hoyer pointed out that this is Vanden Boogart's opinion and she said that it is not only her opinion, but it is the opinion of the experts dealing with this and that is why it is important to read the information submitted. She is frustrated that nothing is being done and she cannot imagine that this condition would exist in this county where there were toxins being pumped into water and people were getting sick and it was established to be a health hazard and nobody acted on the removal of the toxins. She wants this Committee to make a recommendation to the full Board to move heaven and earth and everything necessary to fight tooth and nail for every one of the individuals suffering right now and who have been suffering every day for years. She wants the Committee to get upset and angry and have righteous indignation and do everything possible to help those people. She wants the Committee to recommend to the Board to do all of it and convince them there is a problem and advocate for all of the people suffering and their children who are being damaged every day as well as the senior citizens who are getting sick. Vanden Boogart wants this treated like an emergency because it is an emergency. She wants them to yell and scream and advocate to make a difference for these people. She does not want any politics getting in the way of doing what is supposed to be done. She wants the Committee to act as if it is their families that are being affected every day and that is what she should and does expect of the Committee. She expects the Committee to act with integrity and with the attention it demands. She wants the turbines shut down because there is no way around it. They are emitting something that is making people become sick and there is no barrier that can be built to prevent it.

Linssen said it appears that two very different messages are being sent. On one hand the citizens are advocating for the individuals in Brown County who are living through this problem, but on the other hand, every time this topic comes up, there are political statements about how the world is going to look at what is being done here and how it is going to help people around the world. Linssen has an issue with this because the Committee is Brown County Government, not the leading research institution on wind energy and he wants to make sure that that is very clear. He feels there needs to be some discussion between the citizens who attend these meetings to see what exactly they are pursuing, because if they are looking for Brown County to take a stand and fight every wind company in the world and are looking to have political statements made that put Brown County in the forefront of national news, they are sorely mistaken as to what the government is willing to do. Linssen continued that the County does have limited funds and taking these things to the lawsuit level would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. He wants to make it clear that what the Committee and Board can do and what the citizens are hoping will happen are two very different things. He is all for making sure that the individuals in Brown County are safe, but at the same time, he is not prepared to spend \$200 million dollars on studies to prove the case for them. There is not a clear scientific consensus on one side. Vanden Boogart said she is not asking for large amounts of money to be spent and she believes there is adequate evidence right now. They are not making a political statement. The fact is that they want the Committee to advocate for the people of Brown County. Nonetheless, it is being used politically by thousands of people across the world as a result of what is happening here because they are watching us. Vanden Boogart continued that she does not care what it costs because if this was a toxic spill in people's water, the County would pay whatever it costs to stop the people from getting ill. The citizens of Brown County pay their taxes here to be protected and they should be able to

be protected. It is not going to cost what Linssen said and Vanden Boogart said the Committee and Board needs to fight for these people.

Linssen continued that when the citizens come to address the Committee, his opinion is that they need to have a clear goal in mind as to what they want. He has listened to many speakers and has not heard a specific request as to how to actually solve the issue. Vanden Boogart said the only way to stop this is to turn the turbines off. With all due respect, Linssen said the only thing he has been asked to vote on is political statements. No one has come in here and asked for money for a study or to have the turbines turned off. Every time people speak on this it seems to be all about the statements being made around the world, for other individuals and other counties and none of those things are going to change the daily lives of the individuals who are living in Brown County. Vanden Boogart said the purpose for saying Xiong's process was flawed is because there is a lot of evidence provided within the materials that was not appropriately dealt with. She continued that part of Linssen's job is to look at what information was provided prior to the time that he came on the Committee and he was provided with that information. She is not making political statements. Xiong's document is not a political statement, even though it is being politicized. Linssen stated Vanden Boogart's statement was that this was a political statement being held up around the world. Vanden Boogart disagreed and said what she is saying is that it was being used politically around the world. She continued that the document provided by her husband described a process that was not done well. It was not a political statement.

Hoyer said it started off that Xiong had this many articles, and dealt with this many. Pretty much an open and shut case for what percentage she used in analyzing the process. As you go into this further, there is what could be perceived as smearing and little more supposition and all this other stuff. There is talk about whether this person was a good person to do the study and this and that. Zima interjected that this conversation has gotten off topic. He said that Linssen is correct in that we are not going to spend \$200 million dollars to prove a case, but at the same time, there would be enough resources to examine a document which most people realize is a flawed document and we can continue collecting and giving information that we have as we get it and shove it out to any and all and make it available to any and all. That is our contribution. The truth is that there are other counties in Wisconsin that are saying it has been reviewed even though they do not know what went into it and there is no conclusion. We all know this is a flawed document and the peer review is being asked for to ascertain this. Zima is not afraid of this and he will keep feeding all of the information possible and keep making our small contribution in the larger picture and that is all we really can do. At some point in time if enough information comes forward and it is concluded that the turbines are a big problem, then alternatives can be looked at. The science is not in on this at this time. Hoyer said that that is what Xiong's decision was. Zima stated that windmills have been around for centuries, although not on the scale that they are today. He feels the final decision is still out there somewhere and many times things swing very radically before they are corrected. Zima continued that the people at this meeting are convinced in their hearts and from their research that the turbines are causing this problems and he feels that the Committee and the Board need to give credence to it and contribute what we can to help resolve the problem in the future. He said with all due respect, there is nobody in Brown County that can go shut the turbines down tomorrow. This is something way down the line, if at all. Hoyer expressed concern that we do not currently have a Health Director and we need to ensure that we get someone in that position. A consequence of that position is that they will be asked to do this.

De Wane said he almost takes offense to the way Vanden Boogart is talking to the Committee. He comes to every meeting prepared on all of the topics on the agenda. He said the Committee has to do what is right and that is why he made the option to get the cost of a peer review and an Attorney General report. He said he talked to Dr. Tibbetts on this before he was on this Committee and he has also talked to Supervisor Evans and Mr. Acker. De Wane continued that the Committee does care, but they have to follow certain processes which they are doing. Vanden Boogart said that she did express that she felt the Committee would do the right thing. De Wane believes in the people and he does care. Vanden Boogart apologized if she offended anyone because that was not her intention. She was trying to express that she believed that the Committee would do something.

Acker spoke again. He said he represents himself and his engineering firm and is not a part of Vanden Boogarts' BCCRWE group, but because they are working on the same side of the issue they do consult. He acknowledged that there are goals and things they have to eventually get to. He is concerned about the permanent health damage that the people near Shirley Wind are exposed to as they remain in their homes. Acker referenced a recent study conducted in Portugal that as soon as the wind turbines started up, 10 horses developed stress between the hoof and leg and they had to put the foals down. This problem did not exist prior to the wind turbines. The study was done by a

college student and a number of assisting doctors and the assessment was that there was tissue damage and that was something that he has been expressing since the beginning. His greatest concern is tissue damage to the heart and arteries. Acker is telling the Committee this because he wants them to understand the urgency of what the people are being exposed to. He had a new document which referenced communities throughout the United States that are refusing permits for wind turbines. He would like to see a moratorium in Brown County on wind turbines until there is sufficient evidence to see what the turbines are doing.

Hoyer asked Acker what his recommendation to the Committee would be in terms of what he wants. Acker responded that he would really like to see Brown County refuse future permits for turbines and he would like to have a determination on Xiong's report as soon as possible. He would like to see a good report and if the report says there are major health problems, for the Health Director to tell Duke to shut the turbines down.

Deslauriers shares the frustration that nothing is happening with Shirley Wind and said he operates independently, although he does talk to Acker and the Vanden Boogarts. As a County resident he should be able to bring his concerns forward. The reason he brought the report in was to start a process. For years it has been see no evil, hear no evil, there is no evil. He thinks this is wrong and this is why he is making a push for the recording element as he feels this would be the first step of a process to get something done for the people. Deslauriers is not making a political statement and neither is the group. Linssen said that what Deslauriers is discussing does not apply to his earlier comments. This is purely an issue of human health. Deslauriers said that he is not politicizing Xiong's decision in any way, but the fact of the matter is the state rules still allow for dangerous siting of wind turbines in Brown County. Brown County is the windiest county on the ledge in the State of Wisconsin. The Health Director rubber-stamping this endeavor by saying there is no relationship is the problem. Hoyer clarified that Xiong said not sufficient evidence, not no relationship. Deslauriers feels if the County does not take any action and stands by Xiong's decision in its entirety without objecting to it in any way, it would be a huge green light for wind developers. This is not politicization; it is protection for his family and friends in Shirley. He does not like the political spin on any of this and noted that this is a human health matter, not a political problem. Standing by and doing nothing will only bring in more turbines. Deslauriers would like the process started to get some reporting to get some relief.

Jim Vanden Boogart said the goal with the red binder was to remove Xiong's decision as a roadblock to the County being able to do anything more. If the County's official health chief says everything is wonderful, there is no argument. If it is not legitimate and is serving as a roadblock for the Committee to do anything, then it should be removed. This was a step in the process to get to a salutation. Without the decision being redone, in Vanden Boogart's opinion, it really stops the process and sends a bad signal to the state and wind developers and it bodes poorly for the future of Brown County with regard to wind development.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Health Department

7. Budget Adjustment Request (16-39): Any increase expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.
8. Budget Adjustment Request (16-40): Any increase expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.
9. Budget Adjustment Request (16-41): Any increase expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.
10. Budget Adjustment Request (16-62): Any increase expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to suspend the rules to take Items 7 through 10 together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to approve Items 7 through 10. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Human Services Department

11. Examine scheduling issues at Community Treatment Center – *standing item per motion at April 2016 meeting.*

Hospital Administrator Luke Schubert informed that at the most-recent meeting the Committee clarified the issues with the scheduling committee to a more defined purpose of what they would like to accomplish and a survey will be put out to staff based on the defined purposes. Once they receive staff feedback they will be able to move forward with qualifying and quantifying the issues. Schubert will keep this Committee advised of developments. The most recent meeting was very positive and went very well, but it was noted that it may take a little while to work things out.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to receive and place on file. Vote taken.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11a. Budget Adjustment Request (16-65): Reallocation between two or more departments regardless of amount.**

The 2015 balanced budget adjustment was approved by the County Board of Supervisors under Resolution 10-c on May 18, 2016. As part of this resolution, \$162,882.94 was transferred from the General Fund to Community Programs to offset the negative unrestricted equity within that fund. Subsequent to that, audit adjustments for 2015 discovered by our outside audit firm gave Community Program additional net income of \$321,065 for 2015. As such, the transfer that occurred in 2015 is recommended for reversal in 2016, as Community Programs has sufficient equity in 2015 without this transfer.

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. Executive Director's Report.**

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl referred to his written report contained in the agenda packet. With regard to the mental health initiatives, everything is proceeding. Scoring and reference checks are being done on the day treatment center RFP. With regard to the detox services, the guidelines and information has been sent out to a variety of community providers and law enforcement agencies to provide a process overview as to how this will work. In addition, the contract is in place with Bellin Health who will be providing the service and it is now a matter of getting the calls and getting the referrals. Pritzl continued that the mobile crisis part of the initiative has occurred and all staff are trained. Pritzl will receive monthly reports from the Crisis Center outlining how many hours of mobile service are being provided along with the contacts. The last phase of the initiative is residential substance abuse services and Pritzl informed that they continue to work through the options on this which include the County providing the services, using the County facility and purchasing services. They are looking at strengths and weaknesses of each option to narrow this down to come up with a sound plan.

Pritzl also wished to call the Committee's attention to the children's mental health article that appeared in the *Press Gazette*. He noted the report went through 2014 but there were things done right before that and after that and he assured that money is being spent on children's mental health. With having an adolescent behavioral health unit as part of the Human Services Department, it is unavoidable to spend dollars and earn as many dollars as possible. He said there are a number of programs in place specifically geared to childrens' mental health.

Lastly, Pritzl referred to the Pillars of Professional Leadership contained in the agenda packet and noted that these are things his Department developed and try to follow.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs (to be provided prior to meeting).**

Pritzl informed that what the Committee has before them shows a different picture for 2016 than 2015. His financial team has done a very good job of looking at projections and revenues and expenses to give the best picture of what the budget looks like year-to-date. The most-recent report shows the best picture of things using estimates on figures so far this year.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14. Statistical Reports.**

- a. **CTC Staff – Double Shifts Worked (to be provided prior to meeting).**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to suspend the rules to take 14 a-e together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. **Monthly CTC Data – Bay Haven Crisis Diversion/Nicolet Psychiatric Hospital.**  
c. **Monthly Inpatient Data – Bellin Psychiatric Center.**  
d. **Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**  
e. **Monthly Contract Update.**

Zima commented that Bay Haven seems to be an under-utilized facility and he would like to know what the Department will be doing to start getting better use of the facility. He said there are all kinds of people that need help, but most of the beds are typically open. Pritzl replied that they are increasing the utilization of Bay Haven and noted that in looking at numbers all the way through June there is a steadily increasing trend line. Pritzl noted there are limits of what can be changed at a CBRF and in looking at the programming and population being served this is something that has been entertained. They are looking at a new population of people who have gone through detox but have a high relapse risk. There is also the diversion program which is 20 beds and Pritzl is looking at this collectively and what the overall census look like on a daily and monthly basis to see what can be done with Bay Haven. As the residential treatment options of the mental health initiative are worked through, Bay Haven will not be ignored. Zima asked if someone who has an addiction and wants to get help could go to Bay Haven. Pritzl said those people would not go straight to Bay Haven. They would first need an assessment and then it may be determined that Bay Haven placement is appropriate, but Bay Haven is not a long-term treatment option. Zima asked if there is a voluntary place for people who have an addiction but no funding source to get help if they want it. Schadewald referred to the 20 diversion beds at the Danz Avenue facility but Zima said that there needs to be a referral to that facility and those beds are not filled. Zima feels very strongly that the County needs to open doors to get people help so they do not end up in jail. He does not want everything to be a big crisis and then still have people turned away from services. He feels this is a weakness and everyone seems to only want the customers that have an insurance policy. Zima is aware of a lot of people that do not have resources but still need service. He wants to address that there seems to be a lot of bureaucratic necessities that need to be in place before people can use the facilities.

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to approve Items 14 a-e. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15. Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**16. Request for New Vendor Contract.**

With regard to the translation services, Schadewald would like to see the same vendor used county wide if possible to save resources.

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Although shown in proper format here, Item 5 was taken at this time.*

**Other**

**17. Audit of bills.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Brusky, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**18. Such other matters as authorized by law.**

Hoyer noted that the Committee will be back on track and hold their meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and he would like to stick to then whenever possible.

**19. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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## William Acker

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**From:** Salt, Alec [SaltA@ent.wustl.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 9:05 AM  
**To:** William Acker  
**Subject:** RE: From Bill Acker- Acker & Associates

Bill

I received your telephone message and I am astounded that my e-mail to Hoyer is being used to support the case that wind turbines do not affect people. This is so far from what I stated, it disgusts me and shows to what level these vermin will stoop to distort the facts.

In that e-mail, I stated that our work clearly shows that "the ear is more sensitive to infrasound than most would believe" but OUR WORK (in animals) does not allow us to" connect this directly with health effects on humans or animals"

I certainly do have the opinion that the connection will eventually be demonstrated scientifically, but it is beyond the capability of my work (in animals) to be able to do this. It requires careful human epidemiological or experimental studies.

If you want me to clarify this in even more detail, I am willing to do so. But my scientific conclusion based on our work in animals is that the ears of humans will be detecting and transducing infrasound at levels over 50 dB BELOW the level that is subjectively heard and this would certainly be expected to have an influence on sleep, mood, balance and other physiological aspects of the human that low-frequency stimulation of the ear is expected to influence.

If I can further clarify this, please let me know.

With best wishes,

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### Drug Court Participant Numbers

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	83
Current Participants	19
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	2
Individuals in Referral Process	7
Successful Graduates	32
Pending Graduations this summer	1
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance (5 of the 6 absconded and this was the basis for termination)	6
Terminations related to absconding (including those within 60 days of acceptance)	10
Total Number of Terminations	33

The Brown County Drug Court held its first court session on 7/31/09. \*The national average for terminations is between 25-40%; with 83 total participants served to date and 33 terminations, we are currently at 39%. If you exclude terminations that occurred due to the participants abandoning the program within the first 60 days of acceptance, our termination rate is 32%.

### Northeast Wisconsin Veteran's Treatment Court (NEWVTC) Participant Numbers

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	61
Current Participants	23
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	2
Individuals in Referral Process	4
Successful Graduates	33
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance	0
Terminations related to absconding	0
Total Number of Terminations	4

The NEWVTC accepted its first participant on 3/20/2012. The Northeast Wisconsin Veteran's Treatment court accepts veterans residing within the 8<sup>th</sup> judicial district and is designed specifically to staff and handle cases involving offenders with veteran status through an intensive, judicially monitored program of alcohol, drug and mental health treatment, rehabilitation services and strict community supervision.





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### HEROIN COURT:

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	27
Current Participants	17
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	0
Individuals in Referral Process	6
Successful Graduates	5
Graduates in Aftercare	5
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance	2
Terminations related to absconding (including those within 60 days of acceptance)	2
Total Number of Terminations	5

The Heroin Court accepted its first participant on 3/26/15 and held its first court date on 4/2/16. The purpose of this court is to specifically address the growing abuse of Heroin and Opiates in Brown County and to provide comprehensive treatment and supervision services to individuals within Brown County. The Heroin/Opiate court is designed to serve High Risk/High Need individuals that suffer from heroin and opioid dependence. Unlike the Drug Court, this court also admits individuals with first time heroin/opiate crimes in order to preemptively provide the needed services to reduce the risk of serious harm posed by opioid overdoses.

### MENTAL HEALTH COURT:

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	25
Current Participants (5 graduating this Friday)	16
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	4
Individuals in Referral Process	3
Successful Graduates	5
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance	2
Terminations related to absconding (including those within 60 days of acceptance)	2
Total Number of Terminations	4

The Mental Health Court was accepted its first participant on 3/20/2015. The Mental Health Court serves individuals within the community who have a diagnosed serious/persistent mental health need. Additionally, that unmet need is evidenced to be the primary factor behind their ongoing criminal justice involvement. The Mental Health Court's goals are to re-establish participants with their providers, develop an obtainable independent living plan, and provide intensive case management and supervision services.



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## **CURRENT STATUS OF TAD PROGRAMS**

Brown County's Drug Treatment court was established and held its first court session on 7/31/16. Between the time of its implementation and the end of 2014, the Brown County Drug Court provided services to 55 total participants. In 2011, Brown County's second treatment court, the Northeast Wisconsin Veteran's Treatment Court was established. Between its inception in 2011 and 2014, the Northeast Wisconsin Veteran's treatment court provided services to 37 veterans, equaling a total of 92 individuals served within a five year period between the two courts. Through the collaboration between additional funds allocated by the County Board (funding for additional case manager) and awarding of TAD Grant Funds at the end of 2014, Brown County expanded its treatment courts by adding the Heroin/Opiate and Mental Health Treatment Courts in the spring of 2015. Since the start of 2015, the treatment courts have accepted an additional 99 individuals into the treatment courts.